

THE
LEGEND
OF
BRITA-MART:
Otherwise
BRITAINES MARS;
OR, A PARAPHRASE UP-
ON our Provisionall Mar-
tiall DISCIPLINE.

Presented Dialogue-wise, be-
tweene PUBLIO, EPIMENIUS, and
INFORTVNIO; the Scene GRAYES-
INNE Walkes:

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TO
THE R I G H T
HONOURABLE, MY
V E R Y G O O D L O R D,

WILLIAM Earle of SALISBVRX,
One of the Lords of his Majesties
most honnorable privy Councell,
and Knight of the most Noble
Order of the GARTER.

Right Honourable,
Hereas the man-
age of a reall war,
is now familiar-
ly every mans
Tract; the premi-
ses unconsulted,
and our provisionall musters and
militia still left at large, without any
Paraphrase: my neare and usuall
privitie with them both thus im-
posing;

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posing; I have here propounded
for such a temper, as may render
each to be faire and flourishing.
Neither can it bee presented with
more propriety, than to the master-
wheele; from whose counse and in-
fluence, my subordinate motiones
succeeded. And may your Lordship
deigne it a favourable regard; I dare
be bold (how defective perhaps in
severall particulars) it shall yet in-
duce so much discourse, and con-
templation; as by hammering out
infallible rules, may requisite
mature both. Finally, your gracious
acceptation, of so mean a peccewill,
beyond the many favours formerly
collated, still lay a further obligati-
on, upon

Your Lordships ever affilie
Humble bng : Asidesq
-mi suds mod. mng. fittu. diting
: gntog. bounden Tervant,

GEORGE TOOKE.



To the Reader

First I give many thankes, if he
please to take me fairely; neither
are all the subsequents, intended
so far principles and infallible;
but as in some of them I dare bee
confident: There is yet another sort, only to pro-
voke our serious Criticks pro and con, till the
perfection may be rightly stated. Neither doe
they trench alike upon all meridians; but re-
spectively, with intension and remission, accor-
ding to their different tempers. Neither has
mine oare been busie with anothers boate, but in (a) The son
mine owne; as who indeed, though even a of crasus, an
tongue-tyed (a) Atis, but must needs breake borne dumb
out, seeing his profession suffer under so many but by vio-
dangerous by-blowes. Or, if thy brow (notwith- lence of pas-
standing any allegations) must still be bent up- sion, strayn-
on me: yet the chance of warre, is like that of
marriage; both uncertaine, unalterable; and
without of such importance; that I had rather
suffer under the calumnie of double diligence,
than the guilt of a tardy information.

G. T.



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Ow dearly does the quicke and sweet ayre ingratiate this place,
Infortunio; the Northerne winde being broken and mitigated by yonder loftie hills, and *Favonius* freely strewing it with incomparable buds and aglets?

Infortunio. Why, thence succeeds his appellation, *nemps a focando*, of besoeing & burnishing; and indeed this precinct of (a) *Purpoole* is one of his chiefe Master-pieces; having also the nature, the perpolitenesse of it both demonstrated in the name, and iustified (as you say) in the remarkable tincture, of these severall gemmes and pendants.

Publicola. I, I, though our city *Flora* be familiarly sadded with a blacke cobweb-lawne of smoake and sea-coale; yet is she polisht here, and under a serener zenith; the faire complexion of this obvious Rose will instant it, and behold, this Tulip seemes also to be lined with so rich

The site of
Grayes Inne is
originally
thus nam'd.

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a satin, as imposes an extraordinary estimate.

Epimel. But may then our serious Publicol be with this garden hypocrite, this gaudy piece of outside, thus affectionately transported?

Infort. Indeede the nobleſt flowres have both *colorēm*, *odorēm*, and *saporem*; thus the promised rose, with also the violet and Iuli-flowre, minister each of them both to the ſmell, the ſight, and the palate; yet while yeelding these for ſuch ſuperlatives, the tulip also cannot be denied his ſingle ſhare, his positive beauty.

Publicol. True, *Infortunio*, the detraction of others muſt not flagger our justice; besides, who can thinke that nature ſhould prepare ſo delicate a lodging, without ſome proportionable incumbeſt?

Epimel. O Sir, excufe mee, theſe ſuppoſes hold ſo little water, that till further information, I (for mine owne particular) ſhall rather ſide with a ſage-leafe, or a good pot-herbe.

Publicol. Let each one have his due, *Epimel*, and then upon comparison and competition, who but will eaſily condeſcend, and preſerue profit to pleasure; a bed of Conſound and Milfoile, before a border of Daffadillies, or the sweeteſt ſtrewing herbs.

Epimel. And theſe, perhaps, are but pharisaicall boasters alſo, may they not be rendred by ſome other names more uiauall amongſt us?

Publicol. Theſe, Sir, are ſuch as will per-

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forme beyond their profession; pay more then they promise: the first (if I be not deceived) is also called Blind-nettle, All-heale, and then Wound-weort, by which name some Masters will especially ccelebrate it: the second is so denominated from the Latin, and his innumerous leafes, being vulgarly (a) Yarrow, or *a Rati* Nosc-bleed, and the peculiar plant of Mars: *foliū mī* these (I say) are no effeminate delices, but truely reall, the balmc of wounds, the hope, the *as heale* helpc of souldiers, *wounds* *with yrē*.

Epimetheus. I conceive you, Sir, subscribing likewise to their efficacie, they may be good leaches for the trespass of an axe, or a sythe; concerning their relation to the souldier, 'tis here but little and impertinent, his roome being indeed farre better then his company.

Publisot. Yet say (my downe-right friend) will you then stocke up the fence of our Lands, our live s; oppose the fast binde fast finde of our forefathers? Why, let me tell you, that as the naturall body, so doess the body politicke consist of different humours and complexions, learning, *Mars*, and Husbandrie, the chiefeſt; and theſe, when in their due poise and affectionately plighted, render it faire and flouriſhing: but if falling into partialities, if the ſcholler and ſouldier ſay to the Husbandman, we have no neede of thee; or the Farmer, and Lawyer to the Souldier we have no neede of thee; the house is divided

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within it selfe, and cannot long endure.

Infort. A grievous curse was it, when God in the fifth of *Ezay*, threatened to breake downe the wall of his Vineyard; for what followes in conclusion, but it must be eaten up; *the Boare out of the wood shall waste it; the Foxes, even the little Foxes spoile it*, and who can with such propriety personate this wall as the Souldiers; since he it is that animates our strongest pieces, which otherwise are but meerly dirt and lumber. Nay, that illustrious *Sparta* tooke him directly in this sense, to such as demanded for her walls: replying with a grosse of martiall bodies; And among our moderne critickes, (a) *Mendoza* (Spanish lieger here for *Philip the second*) was likewise of this opinion; so that considering the facility and open site of our preuent *Engylnd*; respecting her want of fastnesse, of fortification, what other refuge have wee save the Souldiers brest? and how fatally does it portend, when we shall so much decry him, cut him short; what if I say, cut him off? Is then ambition and the thirst of Empire now become extinct, or perhaps transplanted farre away to the *Antipodes*? are wee not daily surrounded with a further access of power, and more compact then formerly? to speake flat out; must we lie at the devotion of every hungry pretender, not reposing rather upon our owne abilities? whence, I say, succeeds this confidence? suppose I call it stupiditie.

Epimeth.

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Epimel. Call it what you will, Sir; nay howsoever the coales be stirr'd, yet must I still persist, and the case is plaine, that *Hlanders* are differently regulated from the continent: Is not the sea our meate, nor to be filled up with (*a*)rijs or rubbish? and our *armado* such a wall as hitherto has bin invincible?

Public. Thus opinionated were the *Suiones* <sup>galia, c
virgari.</sup> in *Tacitus*; the reason (*b*) *quia subitos hostium in- b*
cursus prohibet oceanus: yet is this position so or the
fesable, that how has our owne Empresse of ^b In his
Islands bin often harassed, even how often total- ^{sol. 270}
ly subverted? I derogate not the sea-man, let him
be the first, and a very principall piece of our
safety; but to hazard all upon this single string,
must be justly subject to construction.

Infort. All our enterprises, our overtures, are recommended as they become lesse accidentall: we say the foot-combatant (c) has much advantage upon the horseman, because his materialls are more compact, and every rider stands ingaged in the defects of his horse: againe the sword we manage (since more entire) is preferr'd before the harquebuse, an engin consisting of many subordinate pieces; of spring, stone, powder, touch-hole, &c. each of which must either readily take his cue, or frustrate execution And is our totall confidence supplanted then to sea; where the tide, the wavering winde, and an innumerable tackle, must either continually goe true, or else exposre us for the wages of usurpation and

B 3 hostility?

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hostility? must our maine rest be setup, I say, upon such uncertainties? or is it not rather expedient, when finding our wooden wall so tickle, that our yron one, our infantry be likewise perfited, an imployment requiring the soldier?

Epim. Well Sir, but adde we then the rocks, the syrtes, the difficulties of our coast, for all these in confederacie, and secounding each other, will prove a cord so tough, so manifoldly twisted, that what invasion availeable to breake it? Nay, there are other allegations also, so pregnant and familiar, that your joyning issue generally with all, will prevent much circuitte of speach, fixing mee likewise more attentive.

Fufort. Concerning this perplexedness of our
e May. frontire, as it has by (4) forreine circumspecti-
on formerly beeue unriddled; thus no doubt but
the sixt, many hollow friends, have from our long peace
return'd so much experience, that what devious
or weyward English chanell, but they can readi-
ly decipher; engaging thus our interiour, our ar-
tificiall aids; disputing it with our forts and im-
portunitics of ordinance; so that how farre forth
these may yet secure us, is now become the
point: and upon mature deliberation, wee must
conclude negatively. For whereas that hardie
Monarch, King Henry the eight (having pro-
voked almost all the Christian world) was very
vigilant to perplexe his frontire, by scattering
such bars and bolts among our openest accesles;

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yet in the nonage of his successor, the reason of state was otherwile, (a) and many of these rather accounted chargeable then necessary, were againe demolish'd; because there was no shower, neither needed there any cloake. A second sort; though not executed thus, by any publike proesse, is yet within compasse of (b) *Essayabs curse*, having beene left to nettles, and brambles; and so fatally neglected, that they lie still drawing (c) on, and we may justly feare the catastrophe: concerning castle in Qu such as reallie survive, being exempted from this indisposition, yet is it either possible naturally to be experient, or many an important piece, may often cry out with the *Sbunamites* sonne, *My head, my head*. Thus did (d) *Calice* heretofore, the Lord *Wentworth* being Governeur; and where the understanding is but sub-ordinate to the will, where *Vlysses* must ob-serve an ignorant Polyphisme: againe, where command and knowledge are distracted into *mēnum* and *tūnum*; where these two properties meet not simul, & semel in eodem subiecto, nor may suddenly determine in *ipso nunc*; it presup-poses ill, and even invokes an enemy. To conclude, though allowing them all their proper Equipage, though like *Absalon* they may from the crowne of the head to the sole of the foot, be without any blemish; yet Sir *W. Ralegh* (whose world, the assertion is *mille testes*) he I say will tell us, (e) that the Iland of *Tercera* thus accommodated even

a *Haywards*
*Edward the
sixt, fol. 345.*

b *Chap. 34. 1.*

c *Scarborough*
Maries daies
Icc Godwins
Hereford,
fol. 325.

d *Haywards*
*Edward the
sixt, fol. 162. ye*

e *M. Camden in
his Annals*
*cleares him
by his peers*
*condemning
Chambertaine
captaine of
the castic.*

f *In his Histo
ry of the
world, the fi
rst part fol.
361, and 362*

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even in this exquisite trimme, was scited
by Saint a Cruce ; as likewise *Faisall* (mauer
an obvious parapet, with all the leade it could
malevolently powre out) by himselfe ; and Ma-
ster *Edmunds* in our most elaborate tract, even
among our cinque-ports will be yet so cautious
(a) that an armie of twelve thousand, must here
likewise divert the danger; Your selfe therefore
being *arbiter*, whether does this inferre the ne-
cessity of our train'd bands, with a proportion of
veterans for their better disciplining?

Epimelb. And yet why so much confidence
before an entire victory? before every rub re-
moved and levell'd: for now the rejoinder is,
that we have an active, an experient body in the
Netherlands, which if redemanded, will be of
great incusion, may successfullly stand in the
gap, and proably dis pose of fortune, repulsing
all hostilities.

Infort. But then againe, the wise virgins had
not their oile to fetch when the Bride-grome
came; then I say there must be tranportation:
and considering our moderne politickes, with
their many subtile umbrages of state, are we sure
of a true, an opportune intelligence? has not a
wily *Ferdinand* pretended *France* (b) or (as others
tell us) a warre against the *Moors*, and yet ta-
ken a contrary course, usurping upon *Navarre*?
or if yeelding this, shall we beleeve that (as the
Poets write of *Vlysses*) our *Netherlander* can
also captivate the winde in a bagge, employing it

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at pleasure? even at Flushing, their neerest and most open port, does the shipping lye often bedrid, and long and vainly have I waded the wind to be propitious; nay, we reade (⁴) that heretofore when King Canute, and Riber the Freise had from Denmarke and Flanders ramassed 1600. saile where-withall to invade us, they were thus oppoised two yeeres together, a dash to the designe; and as a moderne example, our relieving Calice a far shorter cut, was also thus diverted according to both, Holinshead and Godwin, two sufficient witnesses!

^a Daniel's
Chronicle.
fol. 34. & 35

Publis. Thus *Epimetheus* have you met with wedges for all your severall knots, and now will *Infortunio* conclude, that since our other naturall and artificiall abilities are so fesable, of such a punick troth; whether must we retreat for succour, or what stone is yet to be turned over, save that of the selected bands, which will againe inferre the veterane? These indeed are our *Triarij*, our last refuge; by this institution is our manifold cord, of the sea, the shoare, and the souldier, fully perfited.

Epimeth. Neither am I so rigid, *Publicola*, but to retract and be perswaded, till I meeete with better information; only the necessity being thus dilated, let mee now receive the growth and antiquity thereof, with what our ancestors might determine in this point; reason being then soonest understood, if well seconded by president.

Public. A very pertinent request, the fulfilling

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king whereof must still bring you more about; know therefore, that our train'd companies of so remarkable importance, are likewise very venerable in their age, as bearing date even from our Saxon ancestors: For when King Etheldred had beene miserably harassed by the Dane; nor found otherwise to vindicate his sovereignty, then by some new untroden path; the course he pitch'd upon, was that of Land-
anelschro. rates, and to charge every Knights fee, (a) ev-
14. the ry eight hides of land throughout the King-
mes of the dome with a corselet; wee may likewise pre-
n, will have suppose both men and discipline proportion-
tacke and able, the complexion of such a time will beare
llc, see it it; but how long this was continued, and with
ere in High what appropriate officers, I determine not:
:b.
Daniel. chro. if being the Prototype, the first modell, it
90. might be likewise rough-hewen and momen-
he Lord tanie; yet in processe of time, our illustrious
relands, King Henry the second, (b) found so directly
my the 7. to settle it, that the like practise was soone after
.71. obtruded, both upon France and Flanders; nay,
The Barons King Edward the first (c) (one of our best Law-
r, and that givers) proceeded yet more roundly, assessing it
Wales had by oath, and upon inferiour values; as also colla-
it lasted a. but 17 yeers ring experient officers, (d) annually to prosecute
d being all the execution. I might imbroyle your memo-
restine, had ry with infinite other, both old and later institu-
alifi'd every tions to this purpose, but to conclude in a word,
ie with ex- this great action of state has descended up-
ill & know on us, deeply consulted, oftentimes revi'd,
ige. and

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and through a succession of many severall ages.

Epius. Whence, *Publicola*, I now become i-
caus of an engine so remarkable, lest by some ne-
gligence, or mis-construction, it may be rebated
from the due efficacie : and should occasion re-
quire, what thinke you ? is it indeed upright,
and currant in all the severall particulars ?

Public. This you must rather demand of some
such party, as punctually has beene skill'd in the
practice of it ; tis your province, *Infortunio*, you
no doubt may cleare it with sufficient assurance.

Infor. An experience of above two prentiships
might indeed the rather ingage me for this dis-
covery; neither will I be mealy-mouth'd, but in-
genuously confesse, that though when taken far
off, and in the generall bullion, we finde it a very
slpendious structure; yet upon dissection, &c the
particulars being throughly weighed, it replies
not in alloy. But I must shun punctuality, as what
will both trespassse time and your patience.

Public. Nay, *Infortunio*, this daintinesse but
makes us more importunate ; proceed, proceed,
you need not feare our thankfulnessse.

Infort. Good Sir be satisfied, 'tis a taske not to
be undertaken without much premeditation; &
according to that old embleme, who rashly en-
ters the great end of the horne, may be squeas'd
at the tip, issuing there againe but a poore snake,
and with much difficulty.

Public. Tush man, away with this distrustful-
nessse, neither can so much experiance be at any
time

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time to secke; proceede, proceede I say, infa
English wee must have no deniall.

Infort. How, to resolute, not to be deflected
well then, if my discourse shall tediously extende
it selfe, yet is it yours, not my owne deed: and
how to beginne with convenient order, we may
generally distinguish our train'd bands into
Horse and Foote; your Mounseur reposest much
upon the first, yet is it a brandling, a more casuall
body, while infantry must be yeelded for the

a Vide the lord Verulams Henry the 7.
fol. 74.

nave (a) the strength of an armie: beside, our
English foote have ever beeene especially cele-
brated, and since our Princes use also within
this covert to waite the chance of warre, I must
begin with these, preferring the Kings guard; and
considering them by severall circumstances, ey-
ther requisite in the particular persons, or the
generall purse: in the persons (whether officers
or their souldiers) an account must be taken, of
quality, residence, number and discipline. Con-
cerning matters of purse, they may be conclu-
ded into ammunition, and sold or payment; the
first of these being so named, *adigniore, quasi*
munitio praelata, or nutritoria, and among other
kinde, of martiall equipage, taken also for armes
and powder, two serious properties, to be sur-
veyed with much intention; and after our in-
fantry thus detected in these particulars, I must
likewise implead our cavallary, for a bird of the
same faulty feather. And thus have you tasted the
briefe analysis, of what I should discourse: the
per-

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in ha
perplexednesse whereof being considered, with
how much it must encroach upon the time, me
thinkes I might well be spared from any further
enlarging my selfe.

and Public. Nay, nay, your dutie to the publike
weale; or I can narrow this againe, with that to
your particular imployment; both these, I say,
must impose it unavoidably, I pray proceed.

Infors. Concerning then the circumstance of
persons, our officers are first to be singled out, and
accounted with (as is premised) touching their
quality, residence, number and discipline; and be-
ing now to speak of quality, me thinks I heare the
Mammonist, defining it presently by land-rates,
the hotspur gallant merely by store of lire and
audacity; for as where nature is redundant, and
in her spring-tides, there ensues a kinde of wilde
irregular heat, which yet hee will intitle to place
and government; so has the divell lately foysted
in, a serious kind of fury, insomuch that your inc-
thodicall duellist, by committing a single combat,
does often overtop the meritorious veterano.
But these expositiōns are both beside the marke,
and he that having an able stocke of reputation,
and experience, can also regulate his heat by pi-
ety, such a man will neither vitiate our companies
in peace, nor forsake himselfe and a good cause
in warre: such an officer may presume, I say,
both of obedience and a blessing; when one in-
ferior, how pusie, how precipitate soever, will
yet be dallied with and neglected. Or if any one

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may pronounce my bolt as wide as quickly shot.
I will be yet more confident, and as our Com-
manders in chiefe are very cautiously selected,
were further respect had also to the quality of
their Lieutenants and Ensignes; our militia
would become more serious; be put forward
with more affection, more incusson; & where I
must be just to some presenly in esse, and assever
their knowledge, their ability; they would then
indeed all be valuable, even all of them be
figures.

Public. That our Officers not parsimoniously
endow'd, were rather quadrate in their severall
requisites, would indeed promise very largely;
but wee must consider where the scene is laid,
preferring such as a long and settled peace can
administer; howsoever, the caution is wel put in,
and worth our welcome, as urging an accurate
choice, and that we still be hitching nearer to
perfection; but now for your second particle.

Insori. Namely that of *non-residents*, and let
others judge the happinesse: when every coun-
try, every countie, may rely upon her owne
materialls: well was it for *England*, that begin-
ning to reforme the Church, shew jointly tra-
vell'd of another issue; being likewise delivered
of her first borne yron ordinance (*a*) a counter-
battery to the Romish Canon: and the print of
good Queene *Elizabeth*, may be justly listed
with a glorious trophy-worke of artillery, since
she it was, who by (*b*) discovering the *Keswick*
mines,

a Vide Henry
the eight, in
Hollinshead,
Anno reg. 35.
b In Bishop
Carletons
tract. fol. 2.

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mines, and calamint stone, first reformed it into
brass. Nay, in her time also our powder (be-
fore transported out of Germany) was now
wrought at home, the fire engine being fully
perfited: 'Tis of maine consequence, I say, that
every country, every county, have her instru-
ments, her Officers so within distance, that
like the good Centurion, shce may readily say,
to this, *Goe, and hee goeth*; to that, *Come, and
hee commeth*; it argues more successse, readier
assurance; when who reposes upon ferraigne
aides, may with enough propinquity be re-
sembled to such a flattering Smith, as letcs his
heate while hee seekes his hammer. In a word,
since further fetch'd, can neither be had as
cheape, nor found as usefull; give me leave
to preferre our innate, our directest residents.

Public. And good leave have you Sir, this
error being both familiar, and then as palpable;
but since wee have whetewithall to mend it,
you may, perhaps, finde, it has beeue of igno-
rance, not of will. For the tract of num-
ber now successively to be dealt upon, me-
thinkes, it should be without exception; and
since wee rather are deficient in our Disci-
pline, come wee next to this fourth par-
ticle, where directly you must enlarge your
selfe.

Infortunio. Yet soft and faire, my noble
Patriot, for even concerning number also,
I finde not that *Enrichmyn*, that agreement of
parts,

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according
to Alybius, a
miple con-
ed of 120.
La cohort
; o. three
niples.

parts, which an exquisite infantry may require: our select bands are, I say, of very ponderous irregular bulk, rather cohorts than (*a*) maniples; their officers likewise incompetent; each body being indeed a Polyphemus, the foule to it but a disproportionable pygmie; and what other sequell, but as tumultuary, slow, and indigent performance: where if they may be digested lesser, and animated with requisite officers, each having three or four sergeants; their being more compactly situat, will argue quicker motion, execution; their proportionable scantling readier, disquisition, information; and which is a maine piece, they will engage more dependants of quality for the service.

Public. Now is the filme supplanted from me, and I perceive this likewise to be very considerable; but the notorious neglect of discipline does so much extenuate our other peccancies, that impute it not, though a preposterous zeal has somewhat transported me in this point; and now proceed good *Infortunio*, 'tis now the next, according to your owne former resolution.

Infort. Lastly therefore, deest thou glory in the weapon thy plume, thy (*b*) parrelan, in the displaying thy colours, in the superfice, the shew of command? yet be sure to legitimate thy selfe with *Lieutenants*, which *com pertuse*, ncons, which skill and knowledge: for how darest thou so nifies to roundly surrogate a mite for a vowell, a blanke for a prize? I could justly here enlarge my selfe, as against a fault unavoidably hindering the suc-
cess

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cess of our militia; but the future prevention enforces me rather to propound an Antidote, a Sovereigne mixture both of open shame, and as publike reputation; two pathetricall motives, and importunate with any generous spirit: for by reducing our obsolet troupes into Centuries, with also some accessse of officers, (before touch'd upon) what Countie so penurious, but even of these alone, will have a body competent enough for exercise? which being annually convented, two or three dayes, will even laugh and sing at the happy successse, as not expert in fruitlesse! (a) *Ls.* (a) Properly macons and Pyrrhicke dances; but so methodically husbanded to the best advantage, that each Lieutenant, Ensigne, every officer shall afterwards give a good account of his sufficiency. Neither is it strange, if the manage of this affaire be committed to his trust, whom improperly we stile the Muster-master; since indeed a threefold respect, of his experience (as having beene qualified in service) his place, (as of generall privity with the whole shire) and an injunction of disciplining from above, will thus impose it.

Epimeth. Your proposition must needs be commendable, as striking infallibly the right string; and all necessary knowledge may thus descend from units to infinites; nay your *primus motor* has also beene sufficiently pleaded; only since you quarell his denomination, let me

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intreat that insisting somewhat further, you more precisely yet exhibit him.

Infor. Very willingly Sir, and thus howsoever this Officer has lately been of so perplexed an estimate and interpretation, he shall at least be vindicated, perhaps ingratiated againe. Some Criticks therefore will derive his obstreperous name from the Belgicke verbe *monsteren*, some from *muisteren* of the Flemings, or confine it else to muster-heere *Tenzonickly*; neither indeed doe these Emmons import further than sincerely to list an armie, not passing save warrantable Levies and furniture; nay they will tell us of the Hollands Commissary, and though his name be large and specious, that yet he is restrain'd to the view of Armes and bodies; but then againe, is not this in respect of her familiar universall experience? Upon different circumstances there ensues another proportion, and every able Patriot, having first accounted with the place, the time, and other particulars, will preferre such a temper, as may fittingest comply with his designe; insomuch that our British Muster-master must succeed rather from the Latine *monstrare*, which signifies as well to teach as to view; I, we finde him here in England responsible both for discipline, and ammunition; the Character rather of a Sergeant-major: and who I say so fit for these peeces, as one qualified in a reall warre, and able

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able to bestead himselfe with the mysteries of his profession? Adding therefore probity of life, and (as some will argue) clarity of birth, (for the(?) Cadets of shires, say they,) are fullest of support and countenance.) pardon mee, (a) Young
if I boldly call this that Delphicke sword, brothers &
which may accommodate all our severall ne- ancient ge-
cessities; that Sunne which brightly wil en- clemen.
lighten the speare, the circle of his *militia*,
addressing such influence, if to particular of-
ficers, that from thence it shall descend upon
our Field leaders; and as navigable streames
are by subordinate rivers derived even to pet-
ty brookes and rilllets, these againe shall di-
late it generally even to the meanest Centinel.
I dare freely call it a preposterous course, a
haste making waste, which some of the Holl-
lands Sergeants have so lately transported:
and to reach by tanks and rings, is but to stub-
ber up. The *termis* of *a quo* and *ad quem* can
never obserue each other mutually; whenby
this methodicall, this successive instillation,
their industry shall meete single and undi-
stracted.

Epimeth. I know not Sir how the Generall
may relish this, but so far has it won upon my
particular, that with a necessity of discipline,
I must also yeeld this officer to be manifoldly
qualified.

Public. I, of severall capacities, *Epime- he-*
ns, that as occasion requires he may redresse
and

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and fill up all defects and vacancies, which being thus inserted by the way, proceed we now againe with our propounded method.

Infort. And this is to be doing with our Legionaries, our other Souldiers; concerning therefore the Bulke, the proportion of their companies, enough has beene sayd already; their residence must likewise bee infallible, with that of officers. But then for the quality of these, 'tis sometime so neglected, that here I must insist a while, as an introduction not improper; beginning first with our forraigne Levies, which are oftentimes so disastrous, that the most sappie crooked peece, will yet make a sufficient souldier; I, in mine owne experience, our imprests have beene guiltie of some, which like cony-skins out of season, have been halfe & quarters ones, might be put two or three to a man; nay we likewise employ as preposterous mindes, as hands: which unhappinesse has made *Philopolites* disgust himselfe after this manner.

How are we thus securely blinded? how
Befals it often, that the Campe does now
So robbe the Gemones? that jayles distrue
Our Mars so much, with many a blacke (4) recruyr,
Disastring him? why then are these the men
Will vindicate our Isle, and reare againe
Her mighty Crest? or he that could provide
His Israellites their pable-staffes, to hide
Each purgament; shall such a jealous Lord
Walke in the Campe with these? no, no, reward
Them

(4) The mar-
ciall terme for
Supply, or
ring up, frō
vrene fran-
k.
cut. 13. 13.

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Them with your rods, your racks, or trusse them up
Like vermin for deterrment; 'tis a Troupe
Of other hearts and hands, may presuppose
Successfullnesse, anew regreening those
Our lately yellow Bayes ——

And indeed the glorious stocke of our re-
putation, is by this neglecting publike for
private ends, so much decayed and wasted,
that even a violent necessity has put me upon
this string: nor let any one calumniate what
has been sayd, as if I meant like another *Machi-* ^{a Daniel's chro-}
mus, (a) by transporting our chiefest strength ^{sol. 1.}
to disfurnish Britaine, leaving it incompe- ^{(b) Such a co-}
tently guarded: no, no, my Plea opposes ^{ward as will}
Marcus, Minutine, Gusman; levels onely at ^{(c) cut off his}
our doc-littles, rogues, stigmaticks, and the ^{thumb to pre-}
like: as for others (c) *Proletarius* will passe ^{vent his ser-}
muster, for all his poverty; nay that (d) Cu- ^{(d) The Ro-}
shin-crusher by some nicer palats how dista- ^{mans enroul-}
sted, is fit enough for service; and in especi- ^{him nor, on;}
all our (e) *Taupin*, if conveniently he may be ^{holding him}
spared, is so beyond compare, that the chiefe ^{fit for procre-}
of these, the best owners will be maine Tim- ^{(d) Sedentarium}
ber in the ponderous frame of our train'd ^{or Sellarium,}
Bands; our wealthiest Husbandmen are (I ^{an Articer}
say) most surable for this mayne imployment, ^{that workes}
to repose it upon servants and mechanicks ^{sitting.}
were disproportional; and alas they fit up, ^{(e) A Soldier}
and downe, like empty clouds are of inferior ^{made of a}
spirit and ability, and but uncertaine comfor- ^{Husbandman,}
ters; whereas, if well weighing this hardy ^{and so named}
kind ^{of his mole-}
^{like furrowing}
^{up the earth.}

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kind of Yeoman, (besides a toughnesse of temper extraordinary) his commendable ranke argues more discourse, a deeper touch of reputation; his constant residence inculcation of discipline, and then an inheritable revenue both prohibits him from giving ground, enables him against many casuall asperities, and presupposes better trim, more commendable furniture.

Public. Concerning this milde people, betwene Cottagers and gentlemen, my Lord of S. Albans (a) has formerly so delivered their history the le. institution, multitude, and martial abilities, entb, fol. 74: that the case is plaine enough; and their furniture being equivalent, they may ranke with the best Legionaries in Europe; what thinke you therefore of this circumstance? I pray be free with us.

Infort. This is very opportunely moved, engaging me for the next particle, our ammunition; which compriseth (as has been specified) the generall Aequipage of a Magazin: so that now our Armes shall have an orderly discussion; or I may call them else our Jewels, for thus in Iesah his Prophecie (b) is the same word rendred in both senses, which (by the way) may schoole us to their higher estimate; our armes or rather jewels are now, I say, to possessie the stage: and I must consider them according to that old dispartition of offensive and defensive: arraigning some of thele in respect

(b) Cap. 39. 2.

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spect of their weakness; others again of their weight. To beginne with armes defensive, I must here commence my Plea against (a) *Huf-kyn*, (b) *Almayne Rivett*, both evidently guilty; and yet a third sort as blacke in colour, as courte and crasie in their constitution: for where our corselet may bee distinguished respectively, as it participates either of the hammer, the grindstone, or the file; these (as the breast and of the lowest forme) are merely beaten, dangerous omen; and may be compact of any spaltest yron, all flawes and blemishes being dawbed over with an hypocriticall varnish: wherefore *caveat emptor*, they are neither for use, nor ornatment; my voyce, I say, is onely for russet armes, a degree higher; and neither despicable, sumptuous, nor impotent; neither too nice of constitution, nor over-rigid; as testifying with the hammer, the grindstone also: (c) nay somewhat likewise of the file; and more proportionable to the safety, the celiitude, of our illustrious Britaine.

Public. I can observe how ready you have been to interrupt him, *Epimetheus*; the matter of charge without a very pregnant inference is somewhat hard to be understood: but having probably quit himself, I now distrust not your reconciliation; tush man, so triviall is this expence in respect of what it retributes, that we shall but loose a worme to catch a fish.

(a) A coppice head peece
head upon it.
or such like

(b) An armour
allowing in
faces, some
few rivited
joynts for the
wearers ease.

(c) Those of
24^o participate
the rough-
file onely,
those of 18.
the bastard
file also.

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Epimelb. But this inconstancie, these often alterations are generally clamor'd, *Infortunio;* and will runne you still into further hazard: be well advis'd therefore, and rather than so palpably to broach this profusion¹, these novelties; carrie a lighter hand, and reap the minds of men for your reward.

Infort. Of earth-wormes rather; neither will I buy repentence at so deere a rate, as the neglect of my Country and my conscience. Is then our changing for the better become so great a crime? 'tis true, that an inferior cottage may perhaps be huddled up in haste; but tell me, shall we think the like of Rome? Is indeed our iron wall the worke of a day or two? why, even the most important peeces are at first rough-hewen, and but *urse partus*; nor to be perfected, but with much expence, experience, and often licking. To demonstrate which, and first in our Artillery, (as being also within the lash of this objection) thus the violence of Saltpeter and brimstone once discovered, and (upon some further discourse) a body being also found for this soule to worke in; yet was all but *dolum ignivomum*, and rude enough, taken whether in the name of it, or the nature, nay, when after better polish'd, mainraing and come to be *canna*, a cane, (whence our apellatives of gun and cannon) even then also fire the briar-⁽²⁾ was our powder susceptible of a third ingredient, namely, the (3) coale; neither did invention

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vention shut up her shop here, but afterwards
the due proportion of these became another
quare : and still upon severall internals, was
it improved ; one while with that busie stick-
ler the harquebase, which (as La Noe has it) was
father likewise to the Pistoll : another
while with the (a) kerning of our powder for-
merly made up in meale ; then againe with
the musket, so highly boasting of his great in-
cussion ; and sundry other specialties might be
likewise interwoven. Now since the perfecti-
on has not descended but in these cancellaires,
in a varietie of new editions & improvements ;
must (I say) our changing still for the better
bee so much detraffed ? and thy eye become
wicked , because mine has beene good and
single ? To rip up antiquity a little further, and
returne my hammer upon the mayle it selfe ;
thus also (b) the Haubert, and that quondam (c)
Lorica squammata, how loudly boasting their
innumerous Peers and palladines , have beeene
long since reformed to the German rivet ; this
also becomming refuse and old yron , our
moderne corslelet is now the sole true-penny,
quaia corpus celat, because it covers and defends
the body with entire plate. Neither is the cor-
selet so farre from all exception, but still (up-
on further inquirie) we finde that when being
white, it dyes with cockering, is quickly bur-
nish'd out ; againe, if black, is likewise as base,
and withall unsearchable. Whence wee may

(a) Both in
respect of
strength, for
vis munita for-
tier, of dis-
patch, for
when meale i
als individu
ally in plump
cloyng tho
pipe of any
flaske, and o
nirst, as now
rolling down
the pece
more entirely,
and with less
interception.

(b) A coate-
sleeves and
gorget of
mayle, *Lorica
bamata*.

(c) An ancien
armour of ma-
ny ioynts and
scales, *Goliath*
in the painted
cloth is thus
armed : per-
haps our
quondam Bri-
gandine : in
French pouv.
pains d'escaille

con-

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conclude (as was sayd before) that perfection
is not chopp'd into suddenly, comes not at the
souce, or the leape like a bird, or a beast of prey;
but after our Saviours owne rule, ^{to} of first (a)
the blade, then the care, then the ripe corne ;
or like the (b) light that shineth more and more
unto the perfect day.

Public. 'Tis yours enough *Infortunio*, and
though *Epinicibus* have perhaps bech some-
what basie; yet since it does so much advan-
tage, giving the bettel marke to your experi-
ence, I hope no matter of offence shall ketre
be harp'd upon, save only our offensive armes;
and according to former order, these being
next ro passe muster, I pray proceed in it, af-
fording us your further information.

Infort. Why then, for such offensives as
trespass likewise in this weaknes, the musket,
such a masterfull Engine, as even cuts before
the point, at whose presence both sling, dart,
and bow are antiquated; nay, the very Har-
quebus faine likewise to quit the field: this
Engine paramount, and withall so fatall, that
when disable for execution aloofe and for-
raigne, it breakes into a civil carnage at hand,
is yet so palpably full of this imputation, that
where none of these should passe without a
sufficient proofe-marke to warrantie: we
now familiarly goe lesse, preferring *Lond* e-
qually with our Lady, the Black-smiths marke
and a miscellanie of many other, indifferently
with

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with the Kings. Heere should I therefore move for some such general distinction, (whether by way of Character upon the chamber (*a*) of the peece or otherwise) as may suddenly divert all diffidence, warranting at a curiositie glaunce, (the scantie limit of a muster-ma-ster) what otherwise must be taken up upon trust; and being throughly put to it, may become either a fast friend, or a false. Neither will it bee impertinent, that here I likewise motion the due extent & measure of this trial: we preferrre our owne barrels to those of the Netherlands, even (*b*) those of yron, harder than yron; and our prooфе should consequent-
(a) This ex-tends from the brecke a foot or some-what more to the moulures which is a ring of little welts, and channels surrounding the barrell.

Public. If this be manifest, and found to hold water, it concernes us very much; but here mee thinkes the powder-pactor nestling towards you, replies with Tush Sir, not your flegmaticke quantities, but the peter well refi'd, and as respectiely imbodied; the matter of quality must chiefly governe us: and herein have we joyn'd issue with the Hollander long since; a verdict passing for us, and avouching no worke to (*c*) Southwarke; not
(b) The bread of Linburge is said to be bet-
ter bread, the fire hotter than fire, and yron harder than yron.

Infor. Yet softly Swift, for notwithstanding
(c) Here at the by matter of Bulke, but the huse, the height; Bell, is the by that of efficacie must it rather be decided, gun-powder house,

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ing any ceremonious paction, and those familiar vaunts of five, or perhaps six one and one, even his owne peeces are subject also with intention to remission ; his owne powder availes not habitually to prescribe in the three crownes, (4) but is often found of an inferior allay : which variety being also yeelded to the Netherlander; what if the comparison have beene unequally made betweene our hawke and his buzzard ? may sir, notwithstanding many specious pretences, yet has his imployment been very full of construction ; nor may better be displayed, than by a fountaine or conduit-head, distributing it selfe into the pipe, and the wast: at the pipe first the King, afterwards has the Country been to be served, each at set indifferent rates; which being fully perform'd, both the waste and valuation of it, have (as it seemes) been his owne freely to dispose of : and that the merchant, the chandeler, and others, should not retaile it for nothing, has been made sure enough, especially Mars being predominant ; for then with obstreporous notes, of the tower and nivie, has he presently plug'd up all other issues, the country chiefly being disclaimed with such obstinacie, that either the pipe must bee very needy, like the unjust steward paying but fifties for hundreds ; whence the *quare* will be, whether more passages to the wood may give better satisfaction ; or else the packe very busie, kicking downe

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downe that milke by conveyance, with which
hee ought to nourish it by contract. And then
againe, if these obstructions rather prove arti-
ficiall, and either imposed to whet on oppor-
tunity, and skrew his waste up to the highest
racke or (lest this by-way may become ob-
servable *sapè terendo*) to feed some hidden issue
in the City, where it may thus advantage, under
a pretence of forraigne peter? if I say it should
rather prove some matter of umbrage and ar-
tifice, my conclusion must be of necessity, that
a *Rome* of but one necke, ought to be guarded
with all severity; nor onely from *Nero's*
swerd, but the Iquinie likewise of *Densof-
benes*.

Public. 'Tis somewhat that you say *Infor-
miso*, and I my selfe have also knowne, when
a country-officer has danc'd so much atten-
dance, of many journeys, with alwayes a *nibit*
upon his request; that necessity has driven to
the Chandlers at *vi. v¹. per centum*: so that
there may be some pad indeed in the straw, re-
quiring a further scrutiny. But leaving this to
graver eyes, as also the circumstance of weak-
nesse and levity, come we now to that other
extreame of weight and burthen.

Infort. Sir, you shall freely dispose of mee;
onely as a corollary to this point, wheras the
country-store must alwayes certainly be rea-
dy, yet with little and uncertain vent, which
presages much expence; why might it not
every

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every fourth or fifth yeere become utterable at his waste, the pipe repayring us againe with an equall proportion in exchange; the commodity being carefully stowed, will long continue good and staple, be returned him of sufficient efficacie, even with the proffe-masters reassurance; and our severall Magazins thus successively re-inforced, become politicke and perpetuall bodies without any deceasing: or howe soever this suggestion may perhaps be slighted, somewhat would me thinkes bee done to this purpose; and now according to your desire, proceed we with a lecond sort of armes, as prejudicjall likewise in their excesse, and ponder, as the former in deficiency; and even our Bur-gonet of such a lofie combe (I had almost sayd the Burthenet) is often still obtruded like tares among the wheat: the reason of war formerly communicating these, was to prevent the hal-

^a This lighter kind of head pcece seemes to be derived out of Barbary, from the Barba- Moores; as the former from the *Bur.* gondians; and thus will some derive our Pikes out of *Pikardie.* *helme*, *netope cassida*; and *bard*, which is *dolabra*; whence it came to be *cassidolabrum*, of hew-ing and cleaving the *helme*: nay, as Killianus further affirmes, it has in times of yore beene flatly denominated *Helme-axe*; but our pike having depretiated these, and rebated their ancient violence, we now preferre the (a) *Morian*, in weight more temperate; yet of combe enough to frustrate the sword. In the next place, must I contest a kinde of Tassetts lately broken over proportion, and having for it the specious

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specious pretexts both of ornament and safety.

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Perspiration, (b) so repleas with many tender curiosities, bee guarded too securely: nay the betweene the thigh has likewise certaine little veines so con-

(a) That part
of the belly
members.

ducing to generation, that *Jacob's children* came out of his thigh: (c) and againe of eleven

(b) The inner
rimm of the
bellie, inclo-
sing the en-
trails.

speeding places about the bodie, two of these are couched within (d) the thighs; notwithstanding all which, we must yet be cautious

(c) Captaino
Binghams Tac-
ticks, fol. 22.

indulgent, not too much suppressing activitie, especially with looser peeces, and so readily to be rejected.

Let the belly and appurtenants (a marke as faire as feasible) bee requisite

guarded; but the danger of these other parts prevented much in their tenuitie. 'Twas but a

fictitious shaft that kill'd *Achilles* so precisely in

the heele; and though the *Benjamites* (no doubt)

were very curious market-men, yet their (d) *Tremeline*

hitting at a hairs bredth is concluded figurative, and insinu-

hyperbolicall: the slenderesse (I say) and ex-

guitie of these peeces inferre to competent a

safety; that notwithstanding a paire of like mor-

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guitie of these peeces inferre to competent & safety; that notwithstanding a paire of like mor-
tal muscles in the two armes, our (e) pouldrons ^{(d) Tremelins and Iunins upon Iudg. 20. 16.} The arming (as cumberosome and inclining to burthen) are peeces of the shoulders to the elbowes, named so of *E/paule frans.*

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not in respect of his competent safety ; and the rather failes not, because of his active expedition. But wee have yet greater bugs to deale withall ; for so uneven and gowty likewise is the web of our English musker, that as sometime wee may justly suspect it for weakly timber'd : (a defect already resented) 'Tis oftentimes againe as oppressive and immanagable; instead of 14. weight, or thereabout, amounting often to 16 : nay sometime to 18. weight and upwards Now, if such pills as these and the former, may perhaps with gayety enough be swallowed, during a city shew, or a countrey musters ; yet when the strength of horses will in a race at hand complaine so much of giving weight ; what shall wee think of a farre inferiour abilitie, being to beate it out upon the hoofe, perhaps for many daies together ; each of them still further ladding and settling it ; and as the string of a stonc-bow comes stiffest neare the nut, the last proving alwayes the worst ?

Epimeth. Why, that it runs a most apparent hazard, either foundring beneath the burthen; or so rejecting it, that the worke must be done without the toolcs.

Public. And then againe, what other consequence, save a prosperous enemie ; and to receive law where we should impose it : but this premonition will, I hope, worke with us effectually ; and still may you deserve better, as your

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your detection shall further extend it selfe.

Infort. I might still indeed be doing with other peccancies ; our pike does often over-swell his true Diameter ; often may the sword be called a sit-fast, being familiarly shackled in his owne inordinate length : and as some stubbering farmer may loose a lambe for a little tar; often also do we hazzard great advantages by the want of little pecces, even of wormes, scowlers, priming-pins, and the like ; but so far better is it rather to mend a gap, than finde it, that my next endeavour shall be to propound some antidote preventing these enormities, and were there but a schedule of all our severall requisits, prescribing their weight, extension and quality, with immediate painings upon each transgres-sion ; perhaps this exterior part of our *militia*, might the sooner be perfited ; nay, let me not speake of the shell alone, since these penalties might even availe the very soule thereof, and comfort up the lame, defective pecces, which have so long so much disfigured it. For whereas they speake indeed obstreperously big *ad ter-rorem*, but yet are calme enough in practice, extreating up but now and then some little quillers : & again are hitherto enacted very sparingly, with sundry misdemeanors stil at large; were they put more generally home, upon the faile likewise of full armes ; upon armes feule and borrowed, armes privately transplanted against the muster-roule, defects unrepaired, late appear-ance, disobedience to officers, subordination, &

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thers : were, I say, every further offence as yet escaping with indemnity, prosecuted with a proportionable penalty ; and these (a familiar respect given to information) either dimidiated, or so parcellly derived upon our *militia*, that the souldier himselfe might partake of the sweet also with the sowre ; as of correction, likewise of incouragement : how would such petty casualties avayle that unexperienc'd body of our musketeers ? how I say, might our milice be hence assited so with prizes, and a suitable proportion of pouder ; that our trained companies be no longer so named ironically, or *per Antiphrasin*, nor our severall holy-dayes dispent emptily in commessations and good-fellowship; but after an humble celebration of divine duties, in those of military discipline.

Epimecb. Yet take heed Souldier, you may here perhaps goe too neare the wind, and rather must these paynings keepe infallible the higher way ofestreat so lately mentioned : nay, so dangerous is this diversion, that lo it overcasts and thickens already, boding some unkindly weather.

Infort. No such object Sir I warrant you, but rather are your eies to blame in their going false ; can it then suffer under construction, if I deale faithfully, in what I have so throughly beene vers'd ? Againe, these amerciaments (as has bin glaunc'd at) trend not alwayes and irrefragably the same course, being oft imparted likewise to the plaintiffe ; sometime entirely given the patient,

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tient, as wee finde it upon detaining payment, coat, and conduct money ; and are indeed respectively collated, as they may highest raise the soveraigne profit.

Public. Whence, *Infortmio*, wee directly must inferre a prosperous interpretation ; beare up therefore cheerely, and still informe us further of your military mysteries.

Infort. After our armes once regulated, the next care will be thy preservation, *Nec minor est virtus quam querere.* Somethersore will to this end argue very strongly, that they should bee made all common ; others againe incline to have them generally private ; and a third sort will hault betweene these two opinions, rather preferring the moderne hotchpotch of both. There be some, I say, that will exprobate our common furniture, as *nullius filius* ; even to much neglected between Constable Carelesse with his successor, and the souldier ; that an yron corselet is yet no robe of durance : whereas, if all be made private, both the souldier and finder, the propriety and tutelage meet familiarly *in eodem subiecto*, which presupposes better husbandry ; nay, by making all our armes common, there must likewise ensue many particular magazins, which will imply mutiny and rebellion, since by surprising theſe, every hagard *Catelins*, or scurvy *Kee* may lay the foundation of his campe : but now let the tother eare be turn'd, and then in answer to the premises, what though ſome of inferior quality, though they perhaps be commonly both

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souldier and finder; yet does this faile as often
in quater, and were great incongruity to demand
of sixe-cinq;; so that the exceptions are more ge-
nerall than the rule. Againe, though rebellion
may perhaps surprise an unite, a petty magazin
or two; yet how may these contend with infi-
nits, with such an univerſality, as (according to
that of (a) *Davids H̄nsbar*) ſhall light upon them;
*(a) 2 Sam. 17.
12, 13.*
if in *campania*, as the dew falleth upon the graſſe,
it retreated into any city, ſhall even with ropes
draw it into the river; nay, these fiders with
community proceed yet further, inditing the rule
of private armes, for ſo tender and indulgent;
that one of theſe may ſometime be diſtracted a-
mong three, or perhaps four ſeverall finders:
and how ſo many wheeles may readily keepe
touch, and continually hit it, will be the buſines.
Forexample, *Ligurio* charg'd with a corſelet for
his manor of *Meltapace*, being compell'd by di-
ſuſion and improvidence, ſells it (that he may
raife the greater ſum) to the ſeverall tennants, as
it lyes diſvided, and in quilletts: this they ſay is
now by the common course of Land-rates to be
required at many mens hands; and then, a diſ-
joyated strength muſt needes be full of hazard
and uncertainty. Now, if being jealous of any
innovation, we rather fix upon the preſent mi-
ſcellanie, ſtill preferring a caſt contraries, and
our common armes, as more ready to ſway the
ſuddaine; thoſe privately diſpeirced, as their
unſeizable ſeconds, and richer of allay: yet a-
gaine, (which is a further grievance) the ſame
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party does oft become both *Angarius*, in respect (a) A carriage
of personall service; (b) *Parangarius*, as perform- or conveyer
ing it with his owne armes; and then againe, military fur-
Ter-angarius, by being charg'd also with those niture.
that are common; a passage which some men doe (b) One that
very much hutch at, that every horse should have imploies both
his load is proportionable; nay, they are con- person and
tented (if occasion so require) to beare double; goods in the
but this treble charge goes somewhat against Princes ser-
the haire: yet will that old proverbe of many
hands make light worke; conclude it to be ra-
ther one in estimation, than in weight.

Epimel. For all that, Sir, if to find a single
armes be so large a stitch with many men; surely,
the least addition will make enough, before
become the heavier.

Pmb. And we hope the prompting these heads
thus into discourse, may produce a milder, and
more acceptable temper.

Infort. Well, well, if this be reckon'd so harsh
a note, and of the sharpest; yet must I now come
to straine a little higher, being also to mediat for
sold or payment; such a maine and master-sinew (c) 1 Sam. 30.
as has of late bin shrewdly sprung, and to foment 24, and 25.
and comfort it againe, will be richly worth our
labour: since therfore, who so keeps the (c) stuffe
must also with (d) *Bacalaurius* divide the spoile; with his ene-
my, so play-
that our train'd souldiers, which in their reputa- ing his schol-
tion are the locks upon our severall doores; that leis prize, al-
these so treading out the corne, should yet bee ter *Baccalaurius*.
muzzled; nay still more importunately, that ^{as deser.} many poore substitutes, having at home several ving the
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barking-bellies to satissie, should yet return with
a nihil upon their expence, must needes be con-
trary both to charity and justice; neither will I
spare yet againe to say, that there is that scatter-
eth, and yet increaseth; and there is that with-
holdeth more than is meet: but so much does it
tend to poverty, that although I can affectionatly
remember, when our discipline was up at some
good intension of alacrity, practise, & emulation;
yet this stock of happines after a tedious dwind-
ling, is now directly dying; our musters are be-
come dull and heavy, our officers in their edge
much rebated, the musketeer dispropportionably
and deeper charg'd than the pike in fine, wheras
the souldier in close of all (and as the crowne of
his perseverance) has formerly been to receivc
his paiment; this metlesome tie being deducted,
he likewise does his worke accordingly, often
slinking home without either conge, discipline,
or scruple at it: the reason, because he has but his
labour for his paines.

Epi. iii. Concerning the discipline, which you
seeme to pressc so much, some will reckon it for
more indifferent; nor so punctually to be stood
upon: that we have convenient furniture wher-
withall to answer all alarums, is granted neces-
sary; and if an annuall account thereof be taken,
we cannot at an inch of time, be navigating ma-
ny leagues of place, to be fittet both too late,
and at excessive values: Marry for this matter of
exercise, what need so much festination? it en-
ters now improperly, and before the right cue.

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Infort. Indeed, were invasion as plaine a dealer, as heretofore in the golden age, nor intended without a harbinger giving defiance, and sufficient warning; there might be more color for this intimation: but since our moderne Mars knowes so cunningly to palliat himselfe, and his designes; wee must way-lay, and deterre him with as much as we can of the foregame; all our other equipage (as has formerly bin insinuated) is but a masse of lumber, onely to bee vindicated by men and discipline; and notwithstanding such a body, if we stave (*a*) off this soule, it induces an (*a*) It was undervaluing, which will the sooner instigate Mendoza's argument to hostility; when, if these two may throughly be consolidated, the piece becomes of more opinion, wher on invasion in 88, is now difficult and formidable; nor to bee contested, but upon importunate reasons, and with Hollinshead 1374. uncertaine expectation.

Epira. But say then, will not yet your exercise detract too forceably from our other occasions? the French will conclude (*b*) a good trade for a (*b*) Quiscaen rich revenue; the Netherlander proceeding yet *meffier, il est renne.* further, wil have it (*c*) an Earldome; but content the Hans, 'twill be a very poore one; if daily check'd so much and interrupted.

Public. Tush Sir, neither let *Sekularius* object schapp, groef-his shop, nor *Coridon* be jealous of his plough; (*c*) The duch s: b: j: p. since our exercise may so respectively be conveyed, as to trench materially upon neither: for better clearing wheroft, it ensues necessarily, that after the quare of our discipline already touch'd upon; we likewise consider the quando, the cir-

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ceunstance of time in which it may bee doing with least noise and exception; as also the capacity, *quantum*, and extent of the same ; then the quomodo, the meanes and parties most availeable to reare and perfect it; and lastly the quid, namely the milice it selfe. For the quando therefore, 'tis bipartite, of a double nature and situation; the first *interim* running distractedly over all our somer, into such a deale of void and idle roome, as may necessarily seeme to challenge some further imployment : The second though of a fix individuall residence, is yet inferiourly taken up also like the former , but a bag of counters instead of coine, to proceed in which without any interruption, who strictly shall peruse the yeare, will find that nature when freely ministering her horne of store , and now beginning to grow big, with the fork, the sith, and other furniture of *Ceres* ; imparts such a kind of relaxation, that then we verifie the preachers time of gathering stones mending thus two gaps with the same bush, and by cleansing our tilt, repayring our high-wayes ; now in this time of dust and double daies, may we likewise generally sum up and regulate our matter of armes ; which if done in dirt (all accunts being taken) will defalke a noble, wherc we should gaine an angell ; the musters, and even our discipline entire, may be fully repeated (I say) in this season, without any great clashing upon other businesse.

Public. Yet when weighing well such a throng of difficulties, as the view and laying of armes and persons

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persons, with their manifold disputes annexed : likewise a punctuall instillation, first, of the severall postures, then of all other knowledge appertinent ; 'tis me thinkes a world of worke, nor to be contracted into such a little necke of time, as betweene Easter terme, and that of Hillary ; the thing which so confidently you seeme to aime at.

In sorte. Take me but with you Sir, and then our souldier must not here at the maine of our musters, be taken for an *Abecedarium* ; meerly of the lowest forme ; but one before and throughly instructed, the primarie roots and rudiments being to be perfited upon the bye, and in the first *interims*, so lately specified ; namely, upon our holy, I had almost said hollow daies, their number from Shrove-Munday to *Michaelmasse* (theic two inclusively taken) amounts to seventeen, and being thus employ'd, will magnifie the whole yeere with strength and reputation. Upon these wea may descend into particular postures, and even the smallest quillets ; ascending againe as articulately to the severall motions and waies of skirmishing : insomuch, that presupposing an awfull hand upon all defects, both of trimme and person, with the reducement of our ponderous companies into maniples ; and then the souldier in our holy-daies *interim* thus instructed, (all which will prevent both losse of time, and circuit of action) we shall finde also that the quantum and extent of our *Whiteson-vacation* thus objected at, it is yet of sufficient capacite, and the cloth becomes large enough for the coate. Then
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for the quonodo ; the meanes and parties fittest
to manage this affaire, and drive the naile home :
if the Commissary, Muster-master, or what you
please to call him, having a double or treble pro-
vince, may, perhaps, suffer under it ; not being in
his fingle person, susceptible of such a manifold
imployment ; yet presupposing severall centuries
(both in respect of skirmish and dispatch) daily
convented to the same rende'vous, why may not
the cure be wrought by deputie ? and since wee
have in every County some such pensioners, as
receiving good exhibition, may be challeng'd of
proportionable service : since, I say, we finde of
these, so many, either not maimed, or not soul-
diers, or, perhaps, neither ; such as feare no poun-
dage, breaking over into every pasture, and to the
very teeth of the statute, thus defrauding it ; why
should we not rather bring these to the test, and
letting all baser mettle flie, introduce that of le-
gall and prehinent allay, furnishing all our
pensions impartially, and then 10l. per annum
(which some attaine to) will engage and fasten
such, as being quadrate with the statute, may like-
wise be so serviceable to the Country, that here
a wedge may be provided for many a knot ; here
the Muster-master be fitted with inferiour Offi-
cers for our holy-daisies exercize ; here surrogate
Lieutenants, expediting the vew of armes, his
owne eye being interinly within distance : here
upon any imprests, wee may likewise have con-
ductors, well and ready rigg'd for transportation ;
finally, if at any time we be forrenly attempted,
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these also, as martiall graduates, nor subject to the panick feares of Tom Tyro, will execute with confidence, imboldning us to put home the speculations we continually are train'd in. Neither must wee take a maime in the severe literall sense; and for a downright, an entire disabling; the Law intends it farre otherwise: insomuch, that a bone taken out of the head, nay, the crooking of a finger, or breaking the fore-teeth, is of this prejudiciale construction; yet who knowes not, but a soldier may performe effectually, notwithstanding these, nay, many rigider disasters: the provision therefore of such knowing *Oblatis* (4) (a) These will manifoldly bestead us; particularly upon any ^{ken strikij} surcharge, relieve the Master-master both with facility and expedition. After which survey of requisite circumstances, we now come at length to the *quid*, the *milice* it selfe; for this is likewise full of scarres and blemishes: and among sundry smatterers at armes, *Ignoramus* either knowes not what to doe, or having scambled up some floating superficiall pieces, yet does he begin preposterously at the wrong end, blundering roughly into the maine of his disciplining, without any introduction of rudiments. *Semi-scitus* is again affectedly taken with his own *comundrums* and Pyrrhicke dances, which forlooth, he will blanch off with the name of faire overshooting; but in reply, wherefore hits he not the Butt? Why should the reall members be neglected, to be tricking up such an excrescence, as upon imployement, will like a fixt finger, become either unnecessary

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necessary, or, perhaps, troublesome; to speake directly, why doe we not rather impugne these, by provision of some orderly particulars? And as our Schollers will determine *viam regiam & militarem*, for the same *individuum*; might it please authority to manifest it, by prescribing the Netherlands *militia* precisely upon our observation we should both fully be directed in al convenient scruples and punctualities: and what at first was but violent, artificiall, and impos'd; with a continual inculcation of the same important pieces, would at length become habituall, and a very through-passe, even another nature. And now, as a corollarie to the generall; since the same party, taking him according to this modell, and the constitution of our country, is of such a serious, such a manifold imployment; sometime assistant to the Capaine in his holy-daiis exercise, commanding in chiefe himselfe; sometime descending like a Sergeant to minister the particular postures; in the view of armes and bodies, becomming a Muster-master; and the generall charge of discipline and ammunition, a Sergeant-major in contemplation: I say, of all these severall and important faculties to be demanded of the same person, and how much a competent number of reall souldiers may beftead us upon invasion; let mee here implead all such, as either by hooke the mony-bagg, or some crooked adulation intrude upon our military places: for so familiarly are the keyes even of our frontire, by this leger-demeaine imbezled, that one of them has lately beeue at a Lawyers girdle

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girdle, and without incurring any quare impedit; after whom Mars was yet againe prevented.

Vortumnus (a) practising with such artifice, that his minister the Merchant, had quickly finger'd it, and his linstocke was (no doubt) of as dreadfull newtheb: a fiers facias, as pertinent a randome as his predecessors. I must still proceed in detecting many more of thei castle-creepers, of sufficient inexperience to deliver up the coaste; but the center of our *Britaine* is likewise so strangely culpable, that I leave the circumference: our Vpland preferments are, I say, as familiarly purloyn'd as the former, the heart it selfe being often served with thumbs, instead of fingers; with such as breaking over all bounders, all distinctions, will blunder into any fortune, at any rate; and where *Philagrius* does first examine whether he be in *vilitatione sua*, and then lecke to manage it both to the satisfaction of his country and his conscience; if this immilitary Captaine can but with his facillity, and implicite obedience, fasten a partie, and then strike the revenue, *abnnde satisfecit officio suo*. Here therefore must I likewise appcale all these desisors, roundly soliciting (as we will be true to the good of *Britaine*) that by stripping off their usurpation, and reducing (a) *Antiphon* to his pleas, and *Ardetis* to his shop; the martiallist may no longer droope and dwindle out, but againe be comforted in the warmth, the strength, the pitch of his appropriate feathers.

Epimeth. How our great clarkes and politicks may be led, I know not, but with any plaine cap-

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city, your reasons should me-thinks be prevalent, and hold enough water.

Publis. Even so much, *Epinethew*, that I dare underigne their approbation. This officer (according to the former draught) is indeed to quicken many severall wheels, inferring both knowledge, labor, and expence ; which should likewise presuppose al encouragement, al his rights inviolable, setting him off with some requisite lustre : nay, to raise the point a note higher, our cavallary (a most important piece) is imposed also upon his care and industrie ; concerning which, if *Infantus*, you still proceed, discussing also the particulars, it will more affectionately confirme us yours, still endear you farther, into the publike acceptation.

Infor. After this of our infantry, 'tis most true, that I should now come to the brandling wings ; for though those elevated hands of *Moser* and *Elijah*, are indeed the principall horse-men, and chariots of *Israel* ; yet the great Lord of hosts has also chosen so to worke by meanes and rules, imposed upon our practice, that a remarkable cavallary may well be counted the doore of hope : which inferres the reformation of our owne in many severall particulars ; but see, the Sunne is now ascended his meridian, and I must dismissle these till some other time.

Epin. Nor improperly ; since, me-thinks this piercingaire, does eagerly solicit, what the Butler also now determines of ; and hearke, hearke ; his empty vessells soundes it dinner time.

Publis. A motiev so considerable, that your

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Frensh-men will as metonymically professe his food
his vivers, as our *Englis* will his land his living;
howsoever, could the losse, even of the daintier
meale, give continuance to our discourse; I shoule
esteeme it a rich purchase, and at a cheape rate.

Infor. Good Sir pardon me, while I was mine
owne, I was also yours; but for this afternoone I
have past my self to some other friends.

Publio. Come then, allons, our horle at the next
meeting: I, I, your promise must be paid souldier.

Infor. Very willingly, Sir; for though among
these, there likewise are manifold eye-forcs to be
specified; so that with the Prophet, I must still be-
come a man of contentions; (*a*) yet for the trushes
suke will I not hold my peace: and indeed me-thinkes (a) *Ier.*
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the men might endure a naked examination, as wel
as their furniture; a prescription also of articulat po-
stures would put their practice out to further profit.
Then does the disuse of rings and drums preju-
dicate our troups, for hagard and unready; but
especially since incusson is in our fire-giuns chiefly
materiall, I must urge against our pistoll bore, as cy-
ther defective in height, or else in warrant; for if
preferring that moderne rate of 36 bullets per-
pound, we run the hazard of authority; if that of 52
(more obsolete) this againe will banish gravity;
both in their severall respects are dangerous, and
whether we may better transgresse with custome,
or with reason, is now become the *quare*. Nay,
might our horle-musters be transplanted to the be-
ginning of the yeere, and injoin'd about Easter;
they would have more of the Sunne and faire wea-
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ther, wherewithall to hatch our exercise, to guard
and guild our furniture ; then would there be more
time for examination, and perfittig of our re-
paires; then is the stome-horse in his chiefest pride ;
the gelding in his toughest ability, neither being so
foggily distemper'd, as to deflect the training, for
feare of being mar'd, by being made ; and then
should wee be prepared *a parte ante*, for what so-
ver the yeere might bring forth ; when by deter-
ring the service longer, an earely riser may be
before hand, and our poverty come suddenly upon
us like one that travelleth, our want as powerfully
as an armed man (4).

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Epimeth. Yet concerning this translation of our
musters, mee-thinkes wee should not be so vari-
able : and did the time permit, there might
very good cards be urg'd against it ; thcse new pro-
jects are so dangerous.

Public. Tush *Epimetheus*, make not such an idoll
of antiquity ; if the Fathers have eaten sower
grapes, yet why should the childrens teeth be set
on edge ? Desist, I say, and let his conclusion be
rather applyed to your owne particular, hereafter
spurring you up into more foresight & providence.

Epimeth. In good time Sir, this is a parting blow
indeed.

Public. Applying it rightly, you shall finde it
such a balme, as will not breake your head. Fare-
well *Epimetheus*, to you also, *Infortunio*.

Infort. Adew noble Sir ; to you likewise *Epime-*
thens.



